

9-25-90 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held at the Liberty Lake Park Community Building at 7:30 p.m., September 25, 1990.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Vice Mayor John M. Owen, III; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman James A. Vest.

Members absent: Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame.

Staff present: Assistant to the City Manager Barry W. Thompson; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Staff absent: City Manager Jack A. Gross.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on September 11, 1990, were approved as mailed.

Mr. Thompson reported that Police Chief Fred L. Russell has accepted the position of Executive Director of the State Crime Commission effective November 1, 1990.

Mr. Thompson gave a report on the Curbside Recycling Program which began September 19. He stated that Project Area I had 80% participation and Project Area II had 45.39% participation.

Councilman Vest stated that the Transportation and Safety Commission met and wanted to congratulate Council for the sidewalk work being done on Longwood Avenue in the Forks area.

Mayor Shelton stated that Centerfest will be held on September 28 and 29 with the unveiling of the City flag being September 28 at 5:15 p.m. in front of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Shelton stated it is an honor for the City that Police Chief Russell has been chosen as Executive Director of the State Crime Commission, but that he will be missed.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Vice Mayor Owen, voted upon and carried, the agenda was amended as follows:

Added to the executive session: City's Water and Sewer Connection Policy, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Ms. Linda Kochendarfer, Executive Director of Bedford Main Street, Inc., presented an Economic Development Report to Council. She stated that two new businesses will be opening soon in the downtown area: Sandy's Cookies and Candy, and The Hunan Chinese Restaurant.

Mr. Thompson stated that Council had received a letter from Parker Hardy, Secretary of Region 2000 economic development program, requesting third-year funding in the amount of \$6,100 for participation in the Region 2000 economic development program.

Vice Mayor Owen moved that Council appropriate \$6,100 from the unappropriated contingency to Account

No. 0808108105058041 for third-year funding of Region 2000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	absent
Councilman Otey	aye
Vice Mayor Owen	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried, Mr. Frank Mills was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 1990. Councilman Vest suggested that a letter be written on behalf of Council, commending Mr. Gerald Lowry who also volunteered to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thompson reported that Council had received a memorandum from Dave Ballard, Engineering Project Manager, concerning a proposed sewer line to serve three homes on Elm Street and three on Hampton Avenue that are presently on septic systems.

Councilman Brookshier moved that Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with engineering and bid specifications on this project and to report back to Council at a future meeting, after the bids have been received, to obtain contract approval for this project and appropriation of the necessary funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice.

Discussion ensued regarding other areas in the City that possibly need to be connected to the City sewer system.

The motion was then voted upon and carried.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into executive session for:

Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefing Regarding County of Bedford vs. City of Bedford and the City Water and Sewer Connection Policy, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Grahame	absent
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Councilman Otey	aye
Vice Mayor Owen	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:12 p.m. after a five minute recess declared by Mayor Shelton. Non-council members attending were: Assistant to the City Manager Thompson, City Attorney Berry, Clerk of the Council Hatcher, and Engineering Project Manager Dave Ballard.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:05 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Owen	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	absent
Councilman Otey	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

